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1. On 14 and 15 December 1950, ten buildings of "ald Kaserne I in Rathenow (W 53/1 15) were partially occupied by about 2,000 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. (1)
2. Six buildings of "ald Kaserne II were occupied. There were large garages and sheds in the installation. Training with 120-mm mortars was seen in the barracks yard. Gate guards wore artillery insignia. [redacted]
3. Five buildings of "ald Kaserne III quartered about 1,500 soldiers. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 40 guns of two different calibers, apparently 122 and 152 mm, were observed in the ordnance buildings. Full-track prime movers stood beside the guns. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. (1)

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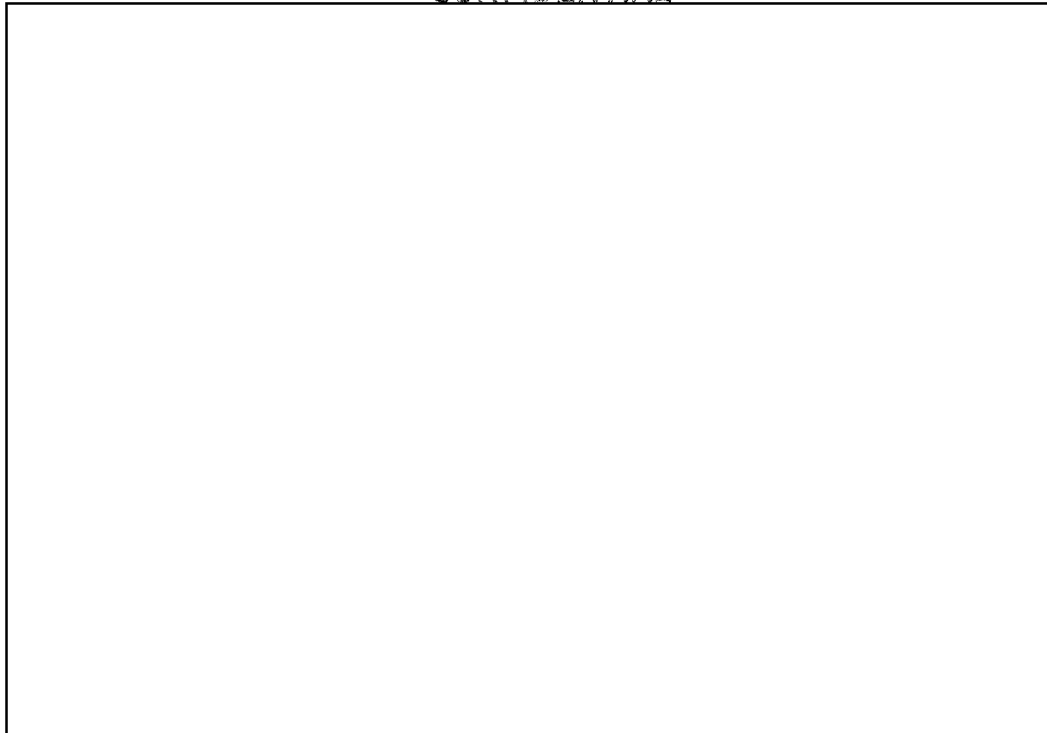
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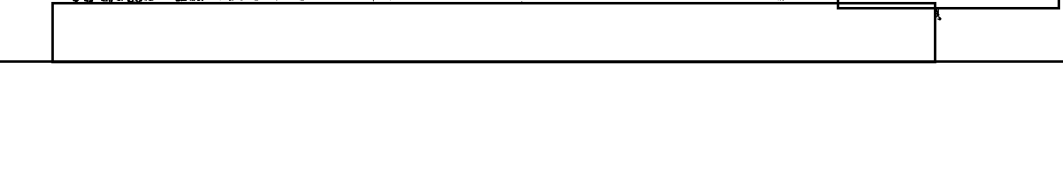
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5. The motor vehicle repair shop on Ebertring was operated by about 200 soldiers. No German civilians were seen. About 30 trucks in need of repair were parked at the shop.

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7. The Pioneer Kaserne consists of six large and three smaller four-story barracks buildings, a large wooden shed 120 to 150 meters long in the northern section of the billeting area, and several garages located in sections which were blocked to view. About 50 guns were parked in the large wooden shed. On 18 December, truck [redacted] while truck [redacted] left the billeting area occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing an AT gun of 60 to 70 mm. On 19 December, trucks [redacted] were seen in front of the installation. The railroad spur was apparently not used, since the rails were completely covered with rust.

8. During a two hour period on 18 and 19 and 20 December, no training activity or truck traffic was observed at the Infanterie Kaserne. The garages east of the barracks buildings could not be observed from the street. Six to eight sedans were always parked in front of the barracks building opposite the southern gate, and an unusually large number of officers were seen

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between the individual barracks buildings. A wooden fence, with an opening, separated the billeting area from the officer dependents houses adjoining it to the north. Gate guards in front of the installation wore red-bordered black ensaullets with artillery insignia. [redacted] a high-echelon headquarters was located in the installation. Truck [redacted] was parked at the northern gate on 19 December and sedan [redacted] on 20 December. The driver of the latter car wore red-bordered black ensaullets with motor transport insignia.

9. The Kraftfahrer Kaserne consists of three large-four-story barracks buildings, six garages for about 20 motor vehicles each, a large repair building for motor vehicles, one wooden ordnance shed about 100 meters long, and two other ordnance sheds about 50 meters long. A wooden garage for tank trucks was at the south-eastern corner of the billeting area. Ten trucks including truck [redacted] were observed. An underground fuel dump with about 10 containers was near the garage for tank trucks. A special sentry guarded the dump. The three wooden ordnance sheds housed about 60 guns, about 25 of which had a longer barrel than the others and were 120 to 150 mm. Four AT guns of 60 or 70 mm were also identified in one of the sheds. About 75 percent of the guns were blocked up. Their barrels were covered with canvas. On 19 December, about 20 heavy-duty caterpillar tractors were seen in front of one of the garages. Tractors [redacted] towing guns of about 100 mm, left the installation at about 1 p.m. On 20 December, tractor [redacted] towing a gun, was observed stopping at the gate barrier. (5)

#### Comments.

(1) [redacted] refers to the three installations on the east side of Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse, Paderborn, as Wald Kaserne I, II, and III from north to south in that order. Wald Kaserne I is known as the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, Wald Kaserne II as the Pioneer Kaserne and Wald Kaserne III as the Infanterie or Fuesilier Kaserne, the last being located at the Paderborn railroad station. See [redacted]. The present report indicates that all three installations were still occupied to capacity by components of the 6th Arty Div. [redacted]

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